

PERTH AIRPORT — RAILWAY LINE

806. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:

Mr President —

Hon Simon O'Brien interjected.

Hon KEN TRAVERS: I still like you, too, minister –

Hon Simon O'Brien: I was referring to my colleague in the other place, the Minister for Transport.

Hon KEN TRAVERS: I did not want the minister to feel that I did not like him!

Hon Simon O'Brien: I appreciate that.

Hon KEN TRAVERS: My question is —

- (1) When does the government currently expect construction will commence on a railway line to Perth Airport?
- (2) When does the government expect to complete negotiations with Perth Airport on the precise location of a railway station at the consolidated terminal?
- (3) When does the government expect the initial construction work on a railway station at the consolidated terminal will need to commence?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question —

Hon Ken Travers: My pleasure!

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN: — and, indeed, for his affectionate remarks! The Public Transport Authority advises —

- (1) The government has asked the Public Transport Authority to prepare a master plan for the construction of a railway to Perth Airport. Until that master plan is completed and recommendations are made to government, it would be premature to provide comment on time lines.
- (2) The PTA has commenced negotiations with Perth Airport to identify a precise location by approximately mid-2013.
- (3) The answer to this question will be clearer as the concept for the station is developed in consultation with Perth Airport.